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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Alpha Psi State (Me.)
Title:	Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Psi State (Me.) Records
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Historical Note (by Alpha Psi State historian)

The Society was founded on May 11, 1929, in Austin, Texas, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, with eleven other key women educators. Many new chapters in many states were formed in the following years.

It took thirteen years for Delta Kappa Gamma to reach from Texas to Maine. However, in 1942, a few Maine superintendents, including one in Bangor, received a request from Delta Kappa Gamma Headquarters. He was asked to suggest a list of key women educators who would be worthy of Delta Kappa Gamma membership and to ascertain if they would be interested in membership in the Society. He responded with six names: Miss Nellie I. Gale, Mrs. Grace Faulkingham Gilmore, Mrs. Virginia D. Marston, Mrs. Louise B. Miller, Miss Carrie H. Rowe, and Dr. Edith M. Patch.

On September 19, 1942, Dr. May B. Allen, a daughter of Maine herself and corresponding secretary for the National Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma, representing Dr. Blanton, came to Maine to meet with these six women at the apartment of Louise Miller in Orono. At this time, these six women were initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma as National Members since there were no state or local chapters in Maine.

In Augusta on June 19, 1943, these six national members along with nine other outstanding women educators from southern Maine became the Founders of Alpha Psi State. These fifteen Alpha Psi Founders were Virginia A. Ames, Nellie I. Gale, Grace F. Gilmore, Harriet Laurent, Virginia D. Marston, Ina M. McCausland, Louise B. Miller, Edna A. Morris, Edith M. Patch, Carrie H. Rowe, Leota Rose, Dora L. Small, Ruth Y. Stinchfield, Mildred Thalheimer, and Dawn N. Wallace. Dr. May Allen, again on behalf of Dr. Blanton, conducted the ceremony.

Elected at the Augusta House Organizational Meeting to serve as officers until October 26, 1944, were: President, Dr. Dawn N. Wallace; First Vice-President, Mrs. Virginia D. Marston; Second Vice-President, Miss Ina McCausland; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dora L. Small; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Stinchfield; Treasurer, Dr. Virginia Ames; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Grace F. Gilmore.

On the same day as Alpha Psi was organized, Dr. Allen and the original six national members, now founders and members of Alpha Psi, traveled from Augusta to Bangor where they, along with six other carefully recruited candidates from the Bangor area became members of Alpha Chapter, the first of twenty chapters which now comprise the state organization. Dr. Allen also installed Alpha Chapter's first slate of officers, Carrie Rowe being the first president.

On October 26, 1944, the first annual meeting of Alpha Psi State was held during the Maine Teachers Association Convention at the DeWitt Hotel in Lewiston. At this meeting, a new slate of officers was elected and installed: President, Mrs. Virginia Marston; First Vice-President, Miss Ina McCausland; Second Vice-President, Miss Rita Torry; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dora Small; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Stinchfield; Treasurer, Miss Nellie Gale; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Grace F. Gilmore.

It should be noted that Virginia D. Marston is referred to by International as the first President of Alpha Psi State, Maine, as no society meetings or business was carried out by Alpha Psi until Virginia Marston became President in October, 1944.

The first Alpha Psi Mainspring was published on May 27, 1950 at the end of Dora Small's biennium as State President. Ina McCausland was the State Publication Chairman. The Mainspring is still being published today.

On June 23-26, 1965, Alpha Psi hosted the Northeast Regional Conference of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at Poland Spring House in Poland Spring, Maine. Marietta Packard was just finishing her biennium as President of Alpha Psi and Helen Hayes was beginning her reign.

In 1981, the hard-covered book, *Women Who Made Their Mark*, was researched and written by Alpha Psi sisters. This book contained the biographies of 57 Maine women educators for whom schools in Maine had been named. The project was headed by Jeannette Achorn and Ellen Marckoon, both of Nu Chapter.

Alpha Psi celebrated its 50th birthday in 1993 by implementing the project, "Reaching Out . . . Because We Care." The members, led by President Lorraine Libby Bowdoin, contributed in excess of 10,000 Delta Kappa Gamma Service Hours that year to people with special needs (http://deltakappagamma.org/ME/deltakappagamma.org_me/History.html; accessed 3/26/2019).

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Scope and Contents

The records of an honorary society of women educators in Maine. Included are histories of state and local chapters, copies of Mainspring, scrapbooks, minutes of meetings, newsletters, conference materials, treasurer's records, a fifty year history (1943-1993), and the biennial report (1991-1993).

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Arrangement

The material was donated over several years and more accruals are expected. There was no apparent organization so the records were arranged in three series to reflect the organizational structure of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International : I. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Material; II. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Psi State (Me.) Material; and III. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Psi State (Me.), Local Chapter Material. A fourth series was added for the volumes of scrapbooks, with four sub-series : 1. "Alpha Psi Mainspring"; 2. Alpha Psi State (Me.) History; 3. Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories; and 4. Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Books. It should be noted there may be some duplication between the first three series and the fourth series.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Further information on the local Delta chapter is available in the Library at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Related Materials

Patrons wishing further information may want to consult the "Women Who Made Their Mark," Alpha Psi State Research Committee, 1981, available in Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department.

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- Women teachers -- Maine
- Women teachers -- Maine -- Societies and clubs -- History
- Maine
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Local histories
- Newsletters
- Workshops
- Conferences

- Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Collection Inventory

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Material

Title/Description	Instances	
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Constitution, Miscellaneous Material, 1958-2010	Box 1	folder 1
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International "News", 2005-2010 (not complete)	Box 1	folder 2
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International "Bulletin", 1996-2006 (not complete)	Box 1	folder 3
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International "Bulletin", 2006-2010 (not complete)	Box 1	folder 4

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Psi State (Me.) Material

Title/Description	Instances	
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Constitution and By-Laws, 1941-1942	Box 1	folder 5
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Guest Book, 1967-1993	Box 1	folder 6
Alpha Psi State (Me.) 40th Convention Guest Book with photographs, chapter histories, miscellaneous material, April 29-May 1, 1983	Box 1	folder 7
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", vol. XLIII, number 3-vol. LIV, number 3, 1993-2003 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 1
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", vol. LIV number 3-vol. LXI, number 1, 2002-2009 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 2
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", vol. LXI, number 2-vol. LXVIII, number 2, 2010-2017 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention Programs, 1969-1982 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 4
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention and Necrology Service Programs, 1969-1991 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 5
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention and Necrology Service Programs, 1992-2018 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 6
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention and Workshop Agendas, 2005-2017 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 24

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Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, May 1-3, 1998	Box 2	folder 7
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, May 14-16, 1999	Box 2	folder 8
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, April 28-30, 2000	Box 2	folder 9
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, April 27-29, 2001	Box 2	folder 10
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, May 3-5, 2002	Box 2	folder 11
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, May 2-4, 2003	Box 2	folder 12
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, April 23-25, 2004	Box 2	folder 13
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, April 29-May 1, 2005	Box 2	folder 14
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop Programs, 1984-2009 (not complete)	Box 2	folder 15
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 17-18, 1997	Box 2	folder 16
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 17, 1998	Box 2	folder 17
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, September 24-25, 1999	Box 2	folder 18
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 13-14, 2000	Box 2	folder 19
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 12-13, 2001	Box 2	folder 20
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 4-5, 2002	Box 2	folder 21
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 18, 2003	Box 2	folder 22
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Workshop, October 30, 2004	Box 2	folder 23
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Miscellaneous Material, 1986-2018	Box 3	folder 23
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Miscellaneous CDs, 2008-2011	Box 3	folder 24
"Health, Wealth, and Wisdom", "The Child Within", (2 volumes of poetry by Elizabeth Field), April 2004	Box 3	folder 25

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Psi State (Me.), Local Chapter Material

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Receipts, Chapter Histories, 1943-1958, 1943-2018	Box 3	folder 1
Alpha Chapter - Treasurer Reports, 1943-1975	Box 3	folder 2
Beta Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2012	Box 3	folder 3
Delta Chapter - Biographical Profiles, Chapter Histories, 1988-1989, 2004-2018	Box 3	folder 4
Elipson Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2016	Box 3	folder 5

Eta Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2018	Box 3	folder 6
Gamma Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2018	Box 3	folder 7
IOTA Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2018	Box 3	folder 8
Kappa Chapter - Chapter History, Treasurer Reports, Meeting Reports, miscellaneous, 2004-2018	Box 3	folder 9
Lambda Chapter - Chapter History, 2005-2006	Box 3	folder 10
Mu Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2002-2018	Box 3	folder 11
Nu Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2006-2018	Box 3	folder 12
Omicron Chapter - Miscellaneous, Chapter Histories, 1963-2016	Box 3	folder 13
Rho Chapter - Chapter Charter, 1975	Box 3	folder 14
Sigma Chapter - Chapter History, 2016-2018	Box 3	folder 15
Tau Chapter - Member List, Official Initiate Register, Secretary's Books, 1968-2007	Box 3	folder 16
Tau Chapter - Treasurer Reports, Biographical Profiles, Miscellaneous, 1990-2007	Box 3	folder 17
Theta Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2011	Box 3	folder 18
Upsilon Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2012	Box 3	folder 19
Xi Chapter - Chapter Histories, 1984-1986	Box 3	folder 20
Xi Chapter - Chapter Histories, Meeting Records, 2004-2010	Box 3	folder 21
Zeta Chapter - Chapter Histories, 2004-2012	Box 3	folder 22
Pi Chapter - Constitution, Secretary notebook, 1973-1999	Box 3	folder 26
Pi Chapter - Minutes, 1973-1988	Box 8	volume 4
Pi Chapter - Minutes, 1982-1989	Box 8	volume 5
Pi Chapter - Minutes, 1992-2002	Box 8	volume 6

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Scrapbooks

"Alpha Psi Mainspring"

Title/Description	Instances	
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", 1950-1971	Box 4	volume 1
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", 1971-1983	Box 4	volume 2
"Alpha Psi Mainspring", 1984-1993	Box 4	volume 3

Alpha Psi State (Me.) History

Title/Description	Instances	
Alpha Psi State (Me.) History, 1943-1963	Box 4	volume 4
Alpha Psi State (Me.) History, 1963-1970	Box 4	volume 5
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Convention, 1983	Box 4	volume 6

Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories

Title/Description	Instances	
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1943-1960	Box 7	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1946-1992	Box 5	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1960-1962	Box 7	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1962-1967	Box 7	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1967-1970	Box 7	volume 4
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1970-1978	Box 7	volume 5
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1978-1984	Box 9	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1984-1985	Box 9	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1988-1993	Box 9	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1993-1995	Box 5	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Histories, 1996-1998	Box 5	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Reports, 1998-2000	Box 6	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Reports, 2000-2002	Box 6	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Chapter Reports, 2002-2004	Box 6	volume 3

Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Books

Title/Description	Instances	
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #1, 1943-1950	Box 10	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #2, 1950-1955	Folio 1	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #3, 1955-1959	Box 10	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #4, 1959-1962	Box 10	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #5, 1962-1965	Box 11	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #6, 1965-1966	Box 11	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #7, 1966-1968	Box 11	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #9, 1973-1979	Box 8	volume 1

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Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #10, 1979-1980	Box 11	volume 4
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #11, 1980-1981	Box 12	volume 1
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #12, 1981-1982	Box 12	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #13, 1982-1983	Box 8	volume 2
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #16, 1985-1987	Box 8	volume 3
Alpha Psi State (Me.) Memory Book #17, 1987-1989	Folio 2	volume 1

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